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REORIENTING RATE ON APEX AND STATE LEVEL FOR PATENTS/TRADEMARKS/COPYRIGHTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken fresh initiatives for consolidating and reorienting rate on Apex and state levels for patents/trademarks and copyrights operations;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the details of patents/trademarks/copyrights registered, as per latest assessment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

a) The fee prescribed for Registration of Copyright, Change of particulars of Copyright entered in the Register of Copyrights, grant of compulsory license to republish a work etc. is contained in the second schedule appended to the Copyright Rules, 1958. The fee was last revised on 10th May, 1995. There is no fresh move asw on date to revise fee.

Government has undertaken major legislative and administrative measures to revamps the patents and trademarks system. While new Trademarks Act has already been enacted, a bill to amend the Patents Act, 1970 has been sent to the Joint committee of Parliament. A two tier fee structure has been prescribed in respect of patents and these are given under the First Schedule of Patents (Amendment) rules, 1999.

b) The question regarding revision of fees for copyrights and patents does not arise. A new fee structure for the newly enacted Trademarks Act has been proposed.

c) Acquisition of copyright is automatic and it comes into existence as soon as a work is created and its acquisition does not require any legal formality. Registration of Copyright is optional. Till date the Copyright Office has registered a total of 81906 works as per details below:

Artistic	60427
Literary	19665
Software	583
Sound Recording	1146
Cinematograph	85
Total:	81906

The latest figure regarding patents and trademarks filed and granted in India is given below for the year 2000-2001:

	Patents	Trademarks
Filed	8503	84275
Granted	1318	14020